



Governor's Home Town Award Winner & Cup Finalist

Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together
A Round Lake Area Community Coalition

General Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2018

Jim DiDonato called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM at the Round Lake Area Public Library.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes from January 11, 2018. Jeanne Kearby made a motion and Mayor MacGillis seconded. All were in favor of approving the January 11th minutes.

Presentation from Kevin Carrier, Director of Planning and Programming at the Lake County Department of Transportation

- Efficient transportation contributes to quality of life in Lake County.
- Transportation is part of Lake County's strategic plan.
- Many jurisdictions are responsible for maintaining different roads in Lake County including: the state, county, townships, and municipalities.
- The county maintains 300 miles of roadway that are typically higher volume, higher speed roads that focus on connecting regions of the county to each other.
- Long range plan
 - Increased population is expected to result in increased deficiencies in roadways. A 2040 Long Range Plan has been created to identify deficiencies and make recommendations for improvements.
 - One example from a previous long range plan was the Washington Street Project that improved and widened the road leading from Waukegan to Round Lake.
 - An additional 300 miles of public bike paths are expected to be added.
 - Lake County partners with Metra, Pace, and LCCTSC (specifically for paratransit).
 - LCCTSC is conducting a Paratransit Market Study. The study is ongoing, but results already show that 50% of individuals use the system to go to work.
- Short range plan
 - Includes improvement to local highways through preservation, modernization, and expansion. Improvements are predominantly funded through sales taxes.
 - An Argus Pavement Machine helps to optimize road improvements by scanning roads and determines which roads need repairs and at what level.
 - Modernization of traffic lights has helped to reduce delays.
 - Lake County Passage has helped users find the best travel path by reporting real time information on roads. Google has helped to provide data for this app on traffic congestion and events.
- Q&A
 - Non-motorized bikeways are planned for both recreational and commuter routes.
 - Presentation will be shared to the coalition.
 - Georgeann emphasized the need for community members to participate in the market survey to ensure all needs are represented.
 - A report will be given to BEST on the results of the overall survey.

New Business

Jim gave an overview of the proposed bylaws changes:

1. Addition to Executive Board Section 2 - The Executive Board will evaluate and approve grant applications. The Executive Committee will appoint one of the Executive Board Members to coordinate the Community Empowerment Grants process.
2. Duties of Standing Committees Section 4 - Eliminated and replaced with: Fundraising Committee: This committee will coordinate fundraising events and grant writing to furnish the income and resources needed

3. Addition to Duties of Officers Section Treasurer - Any check request must be submitted within 90 days of receipt to be paid.

Georgeann Duberstein made a motion, Ed Gallagher seconded the motion. No discussion was had about the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All members in attendance voted in favor of approving the Bylaws changes as indicated above. No nays were recorded.

Reports from Executive Committees

President

- Liz Herzberg has accepted the position of chair of the fundraising committee. Mary Valley will be assisting in the committee.
- Jim announced numerous upcoming events including:
 - Realtor Tour Planning meeting - February 12th at 2:00, Round Lake Area Library
 - Community Empowerment Grant Application Deadline: March 31st
 - Speaker - Mayor of Round Lake Beach, Rich Hill, will be our speaker for the March 8th meeting

Vice President

- Wendy asked everyone to like and follow the B.E.S.T. Facebook page.
- Individuals were encouraged to think of B.E.S.T when shopping on Amazon Smile.

Treasurer - Beginning cash balance was \$17,946.93. Total revenue was \$500.00 and there were total expenditures of \$847.05 leaving a net revenue/expenditures of \$(347.05). The ending cash balance was \$17,599.88. Dr. Collins made a motion and Mayor MacGillis made a second to approve the Treasurer's report. All were in favor of approving the report.

Reports from Standing Committees

By-Laws - Georgeann thanked everyone for their review and approval of the Bylaws changes.

Membership - Sandra reminded everyone of the perks of membership and encouraged individuals to join.

Public Awareness - Jim announced that we are still looking to fill this role. Jim, Wendy, and Kathy are filling in during the interim.

Special Projects - This committee is now officially dissolved. However, the work will continue as the past - president will manage the grant program with the Executive Committee.

Reports from Special Committees

Chili Supper - February 26th - BEST will present a check to the Exchange Club for their work at the Chili Supper. Save the date for October 15th, the next Chili Supper!

Dementia Friendly - The committee has decided they will focus on educating themselves on services available, bringing awareness to the community, and providing support groups to caregivers and those experiencing dementia. The committee will meet at 9:00 am on the first Monday of each month at Avon Township.

Fundraising - A small group met yesterday. Liz Herzberg and Mary Valley will be sitting down to create a strategy for fundraising and Liz will be seeking volunteers to assist in the strategic plan efforts.

Kindergarten Readiness - The Committee has received an invitation to participate in a field trip to Rockford to learn about a single point of entry program focused on early intervention. More information to come. The next committee meeting will be held on February 13th at 1:00 PM at the Round Lake Park District.

A discussion ensued on what Kindergarten Readiness means and the importance of parents being their child's first teacher. A request was made for a presentation and update on the kindergarten readiness of Round Lake Area students. Executive Committee will schedule a presentation.

Transportation - Georgeann again encouraged everyone to complete the survey.

Various announcements were made from members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM. The next meeting of BEST will be March 8, 2018.